



WAREHAM

Plymouth County



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NARRATIVE

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Wareham, situated at the head of Buzzards Bay, offers an exceptional location within easy travelling distance to the Boston and Providence metropolitan areas. Boston is about one hour away and Providence is about 45 minutes away. All of the tourist amenities of the Cape Cod area are available in Wareham.

The town has over 54 miles of coastline enhanced by beaches, estuaries, rivers and ponds which create a subtle contrast to a vibrant, growing community.

The town's quality of life offers an excellent home for industry but particularly a home for people. From its early beginnings of farming and ship building in the 1700s, Wareham has evolved a diversified industrial and commercial economy with ample human and natural resources to support continued growth.

With a 1990 population of just under 20,000, the town offers a distinctive social and economic mix from stately mansions to modest cottages and high tech industry to traditional boat building.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Rochester on the west, Marion and Buzzards Bay on the south, Middleborough on the northwest, Carver and Plymouth on the north, Plymouth on the east, and separated from from Bourne by Buzzards Bay on the east. Wareham is about 20 miles east of New Bedford, 50 miles south of Boston, and 122 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 46.27 sq. miles

Land Area: 35.79 sq. miles

Population: 19,232

Density: 537 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Rochester Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....48.2"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Wareham, Onset, Snipatuit Pond, Marion, Pocasset

Regional Planning Agency

Southeastern Regional Planning and
Economic Development District

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 291-3100

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1739

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 14,716

Democrats 3,481 23.7 % Republicans 1,908 13.0 % Other parties 3 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 9,324 63.4 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Wareham town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	20,335	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	20,335	100.0
Male.....	9,716	47.8	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	292	1.4
Female.....	10,619	52.2	Mexican.....	23	0.1
Under 5 years.....	1,201	5.9	Puerto Rican.....	166	0.8
5 to 9 years.....	1,347	6.6	Cuban.....	3	-
10 to 14 years.....	1,573	7.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	100	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	1,302	6.4	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	20,043	98.6
20 to 24 years.....	852	4.2	White alone.....	17,646	86.8
25 to 34 years.....	2,396	11.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	3,402	16.7	Total population.....	20,335	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,890	13.9	In households.....	20,038	98.5
55 to 59 years.....	1,203	5.9	Householder.....	8,200	40.3
60 to 64 years.....	949	4.7	Spouse.....	3,802	18.7
65 to 74 years.....	1,738	8.5	Child.....	5,991	29.5
75 to 84 years.....	1,168	5.7	Own child under 18 years.....	4,420	21.7
85 years and over.....	384	1.9	Other relatives.....	984	4.8
Median age (years).....	39.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	409	2.0
18 years and over.....	15,346	75.5	Nonrelatives.....	1,061	5.2
Male.....	7,135	35.1	Unmarried partner.....	564	2.8
Female.....	8,211	40.4	In group quarters.....	297	1.5
21 years and over.....	14,734	72.5	Institutionalized population.....	255	1.3
62 years and over.....	3,862	19.0	Noninstitutionalized population.....	42	0.2
65 years and over.....	3,290	16.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,389	6.8	Total households.....	8,200	100.0
Female.....	1,901	9.3	Family households (families).....	5,337	65.1
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,417	29.5
One race.....	19,637	96.6	Married-couple family.....	3,802	46.4
White.....	17,776	87.4	With own children under 18 years.....	1,538	18.8
Black or African American.....	594	2.9	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,163	14.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	109	0.5	With own children under 18 years.....	678	8.3
Asian.....	90	0.4	Nonfamily households.....	2,863	34.9
Asian Indian.....	5	-	Householder living alone.....	2,396	29.2
Chinese.....	15	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,035	12.6
Filipino.....	9	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,690	32.8
Japanese.....	17	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,342	28.6
Korean.....	6	-	Average household size.....	2.44	(X)
Vietnamese.....	5	-	Average family size.....	3.02	(X)
Other Asian ¹	33	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	10	-	Total housing units.....	10,670	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	6	-	Occupied housing units.....	8,200	76.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	2	-	Vacant housing units.....	2,470	23.1
Samoa.....	2	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	2,020	18.9
Some other race.....	1,058	5.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	698	3.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	4.5	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:</i> ³			Occupied housing units.....	8,200	100.0
White.....	18,272	89.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	6,201	75.6
Black or African American.....	910	4.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	1,999	24.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	224	1.1	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.50	(X)
Asian.....	146	0.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.25	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	24	0.1			
Some other race.....	1,506	7.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 104

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 49

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Wareham, on Upper Cape Cod is served by the the New Bedford and Fall River Area airport and port facilities and also has access to the airports, ports and intermodal facilities of Providence and Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S.Route 6, State Route 28 and State Route 25, which shares a roadway with Interstate 495.

Rail

The Bay Colony Railroad provides freight rail service to Wareham. Contact number: (617) 380-3556

Bus

Bonanza Bus Lines provides commuter service between Buzzards Bay, Wareham, and Boston.

Other

The New Bedford Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. The airport has 2 asphalt runways 4,997' and 5,000' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Tobey Hospital, Inc.

Long Term Care

Cape Cod Nursing & Retirement Home
Forestview Nursing Home of Wareham
Roland Thatcher Nursing Home

Hospices

Lighthouse Hospice Assoc.

Rest Homes

Waterford Manor Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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